

Docket No: KNAUFF-5
Appl. No: 10/756,835

REMARKS

With regard to the requirement for election which is the only point raised in the Official Action, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species IV (Fig. 4) as covered by claims 1-10, 12-15, with at least claims 1, 4-6, 12 being generic.

Applicant's election is made without traverse. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, provided that all claims to all additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

It is noted that each named inventor of the subject matter of the instant application contributed at least to one of the claims, presently on file.

With regard to claim 11 constituting the other species, applicant does not waive any of his rights therefore or abandon such subject matter.

It is also noted for the record that the Examiner's remark on page 3, para. 3 of the office action is confusing because the instant application is not based on an International PCT application.

Since applicant has fully and completely responded to the Official Action and has made the required election, this application is now in order for early action at least on the merits of claims 1-10, 12-15.

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